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FROM: US DEL LOS

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SUBJECT: LOS: DEEP SEABED RULES AND REGULATIONS

1. IT NOW APPARENT TO ME THAT INABILITY US DEL GIVE DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO FOREIGN DELEGATIONS IS DAMAGING OUR EFFORT TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT TO DISCUSS RULES AND REGULATIONS WHILE IN CARACAS IN COMMITTEE I.

2. WORK OF COMMITTEE I IS NOW BEING ORGANIZED AND THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL RESISTANCE BY LATIN AMERICANS FOR TACTICAL REASONS TO ANY DISCUSSION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. LATIN OPPOSITION IS FOUNDED ON PREMISE THAT QF RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED THEY WILL SEVERELY RESTRICT DISCRETION OF AUTHORITY

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TO MANAGE RESUORCES. LATINS ARE CORRECT IN THIS PREMISE AND

THAT IS REASON WHY U.S. BELIEVES RULES AND REGULATIONS MUST BE
NEGOTIATED AND INCLUDED IN TREATY PACKAGE.

3. DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF LOS CONFERENCE, AFRICANS AND
ASIANS WERE OPEN TO IDEA OF DISCUSSING RULES AND REGULATIONS BUT
LATINS ARE NOW BEGINNING TO PERSUADE THEM THAT RULES AND
REGULATIONS ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL AND DETAILED, THAT THEY WILL NOT
UNDERSTAND THEM AND THAT U.S. WILL QTE PUT ONE OVER ON THE UNQTE
IF THEY AGREE TO DISCUSS AND NEGOTIATE RULES AND REGULATIONS. ENGO,
CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE I, HIMSELF SEEMS DISPOSED TOWARD THIS
ARGUMENT. SINCE HE EXERCISES TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE IN WORK
OF COMMITTEE I, WE MUST IMMEDIATELY DEMONSTRATE THAT LATINS
ARE WRONG AND THAT RULES NEED NOT BE DETAILED, COMPLICATED AND
LADEN WITH NUMBERS WHICH LDC'S CANNOT EVALUATE OR UNDERSTAND.

4. SINCE IN MY VIEW EACH DAY OF DELAY SEVERELY PREJUDICES OUR
ABILITY TO FOCUS COMMITTEE I ATTENTION ON RULES AND REGULATIONS,
I REQUEST IMMEDIATE AUTHORIZATION TO SHOW U.S. RULES DRAFT TO
SELECTED FOREIGN DELEGATIONS. IN ORDER NOT TO PLAY INTO HANDS OF
LATINS, I WISH TO BE AUTHORIZED ALSO TO DELETE ALL NUMBERS
PERTAINING TO AREA SIZES, TIME LIMITS, WORK REQUIREMENTS AND
LICENSE FEES.

5. I DO BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT HOWEVER THAT DIFFERENCES CONCERNING
THESE NUMBERS BE WORKED OUT ASAP IN WASHINGTON SO THAT WHEN
ASKED IN PRIVATE BY KNOWLEDGEABLE DELEGATIONS FOR OUR THINKING
ON THESE NUMBERS, WE ARE ABLE TO REPLY.

6. MY RECOMMENDATIONS CAN BE SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. IMMEDIATE AUTHORITY TO DISCLOSE DRAFT U.S. RULES TO
FOREIGN DELS.

B. OMISSION OF NUMBERS WITH INDICATION THAT SPACES
DELIBERATELY LEFT BLANK TO BE FILLED IN LATER.

C. DECISION IN WASHINGTON ASAP AS TO OUR POSITION ON WORK
REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD TO COME INTO COMMERCIAL
PRODUCTION. (ARTICLE V, PARAGRAPH 1(A) AND ARTICLE VI,
PARAGRAPH 2).

7. WE WILL SEND SEPTTEL ADVISING ON DELEGATION VIEWS REGARDING
PARAGRAPH 6.C. ABOVE.

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